

Catalogue of SOUTH AFRICAN SEEDS and BULBS.

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I am now sending out my list of South African Seeds and Bulbs for the third year.

My stock of bulbs is now greatly increased and I have been able to add many new species.

Attention is called to my Watsonias, four species at present not named have been added, probably new species. Many customers were disappointed last year as I had not enough bulbs to meet the demand. Orders sent in by these people will be the first to be sent out this season.

Seeds may be ordered at any time but bulbs can only be sent from January to May.

Seeds are still 2s. 6d. (65 cents) per packet of not less than 50 seeds. Some of them may be bought per ounce when large quantities are required.

The bulbs are 5s. 0d. (\$1.25) per dozen unless otherwise stated.

My thanks are due to many who have written to express pleasure at the good condition in which the bulbs have arrived and at the way in which they have bloomed in Europe.

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SOUTH AFRICA.

GLADIOLI.

- Gladiolus blandus**—Known as "the fairest Gladiolus," typical "Painted Lady" colouring, 1-1½ ft., up to 20 blooms on a stem, often branched.
- Gladiolus cuspidatus**—More delicate than *Gladiolus blandus*, flowers yellow with carmine throat markings, 1 ft. high, segments narrow and very waved.
- Gladiolus brevifolius**—Blossoms late autumn, small flowers daintily pink and white, sometimes blue.
- Gladiolus cardinalis**—The "Superb Gladiolus," long sprays of large carmine-red flowers with white throat markings outlined in dark red. Likes moist shady spots.
- Gladiolus Leichtlinii**—Spikes 4 ft., flowers orange and red. Graceful.
- Gladiolus Stanfordiae**—Flowers autumn, plants make nice clumps of foliage with many sprays of pink and white flowers.
- Gladiolus crassifolius**—Also flowers late, flowers smaller and deeper pink than *Gladiolus Stanfordiae*.
- Gladiolus gracilis**—The earliest to bloom, 1-2 ft. high, very graceful, flowers blue, marked with yellow on the lower lip. One of the prettiest.
- Gladiolus maculatus**—The most sweetly scented of all the Gladioli, resembles *Gladiolus grandis* on a small scale, flowers winter. Price 7s. 6d. per dozen.
- Gladiolus recurvus**—One of the earliest to flower, large yellow or blue flowers on 6 in. stem. Very sweetly scented.
- Gladiolus hirsutus**—Large deep pink blossoms, striped white. Sweetly scented. Very robust and handsome.
- Gladiolus orchidiflorus**—Very attractive new species, resembles *Gladiolus alatus* in shape having upper segment elongated and turned over, flowers soft bronze, sometimes marked with purple. Very sweetly scented. Bulbs 10/- per dozen.
- Gladiolus trichonemifolius**—Flowers very early, dwarf flowers, clear yellow. Scented.
- Gladiolus formosus**—Height 1-1½ ft., flowers cream, blotched with purple.
- Gladiolus Bolusii** variety **Burchellii** (Riversdale Blue Bell)—large lavender blue bells, 7-9 open at one time.
- Gladiolus debilis**—A very pretty spring flowering species, 1½-2 ft. high on thin wiry stems, blossoms white, very prettily marked with deep carmine.
- Gladiolus callistus**—3 ft. high, flowers well spaced out on stem, pale pink or white with deeper throat markings. Manner of growth reminds one of Prim hybrids.
- Gladiolus angustus**—Very branched, of the "Painted Lady" type, with very long narrow perianth tube.
- Gladiolus angustus** (variety)—Taller and sturdier than the type, very much branched.
- Gladiolus odoratus**—New species, winter blooming, large flowers marked brown or mauve. Very sweetly scented by day. Price 15s. 0d. per dozen.
- Gladiolus inflatus**—One of the most charming. Large shell-pink blooms with long, crisped segments. Very fine stem. Price 10s. 0d. per dozen.
- Gladiolus primulinus**—Parent of the Prim. hybrids, blossoms very clear pink.
- Gladiolus villosus**—Flowers with *Gladiolus gracilis*. Somewhat smaller. Flowers pink.
- Gladiolus carmineus**—Flowers in autumn and the long leaves come later. Very intense colour. Large flowers on short stem.
- Gladiolus alatus** or **Kalkoenje**—A peculiar type, should be useful in hybridizing. Large flowers terra-cotta with green or yellow on lower segments. Sweet scented. 6 in. - 1 ft.
- Gladiolus psittacinus**—Height 4 ft., large flowers on strong stems, red flecked with orange.
- Gladiolus tristis**—Height 4-6 ft., very thin stems, flowers 10-20 in a spray, pale yellow mottled brown. Very sweet scented after sunset. Flowers midsummer.
- Gladiolus tristis** (variety)—Height 1 ft., 2 or 3 large blooms on a stem, flowers early spring.
- Gladiolus grandis**—Resembles *Gladiolus tristis* but flowers are larger and 3-4 on a stem, usually reddish-brown or bronze, mottled with yellow. A most attractive flower of perfect form with pointed waved segments. Very sweetly scented in the evening. Flowers midsummer.

WATSONIAS.

- Watsonia meriana**—Height 5 ft., flowers vieux rose and orange. Flowers spring.
- Watsonia meriana** (variety)—Colour clear rose pink. A more compact habit of flowering than *Watsonia meriana* and more showy. Price £1 15s. 0d. per 100; £17 per 1,000. Excellent for cutting.
- Watsonia angusta**—Height 5 ft., colour scarlet. Resembles the improved *Montbretas*.
- Watsonia bulbifera**—Resembles *Watsonia meriana* but flowers are not such a clear colour, bulblets occur at base of flowers.

Watsonia aletroides—Height 1½-2 ft., delightful for the rock garden. The plant in flower resembles a large *Lachenalia*. Flowers red and pendulous, sometimes pale pink.

Watsonia brevifolia—Height 1-1½ ft. Flowers deep pink.

Watsonia stenosphon—One of the most attractive of the small *Watsonias*. Height 1½ ft., flowers flame coloured.

Watsonia tabularis—The most beautiful *Watsonia*, a native of Table Mountain. Large peach-coloured flowers, blooming at midsummer. Price 10s. 0d. per dozen.

Watsonia roseo-alba—Very pretty pink and white flowers on 1 ft. stem. Perianth segments long.

Watsonia Versfeldii (variety *Alba*)—Resembles the well-known *Watsonia Ardernii* but the flowers are rounder and somewhat larger, 5 ft., a profuse bloomer.

Watsonia marginata—Height 3-5 ft. Long delicate sprays of numerous pale pink blooms.

Watsonia rosea—The common pink *Watsonia* of the mountain slopes. Very robust.

Watsonia Beatricis—An excellent late flowering *Watsonia*. Strong 5 ft. stems of large flowers, every shade of salmon, orange, terra cotta and flame.

Watsonia longifolia—Resembles *Watsonia Beatricis* but blooms a month earlier. Same range of colours, occasionally shading to deep cream or white.

Watsonia Stanfordiae—One of the most beautiful. Height 4-5 ft. Flowers very large on thin stems. Colours from deep carmine to maroon. Very distinct species. Price 10s. 0d. per dozen.

Watsonia spectabilis—Very striking, flowers spring, blossoms very large, scarlet. Height 1½-2 ft. Price 7s. 6d. per dozen.

Watsonia Pillansii—Flowers large and clear orange. Foliage yellow-green. Height 3 ft.

Watsonia longicollis—Height 1-1½ ft. Flowers a beautiful clear blue. Flowers midsummer.

New species.

1. Flowers orange, large regular blooms on delicate stems, Grey-green foliage. Height 2 ft.

2. Taller. Flowers deeper orange. More robust foliage, dark flower stems.

3. Large orange-red flowers. Very wide leaves.

4. Flowers late in summer. Height 4 ft. Flowers very deep pink.

Watsonia Galpini—Flowers autumn. Very attractive. Long delicate sprays of cerise or carmine flowers.

GEISSORHIZA.

Geissorhiza hirta—Resembles a *Babiana*. Flowers in two shades of old rose. (Variety) Flowers a deep blood red.

" " intense blue.

" " white.

Geissorhiza secunda—Small flowers, good shade of blue.

LACHENALIA.

Lachenalia aurea—Flowers deep orange.

Lachenalia pendula—Flowers large, crimson red. Price 7s. 6d. per dozen.

Lachenalia pustulata—Flowers yellowish, sweet scented.

Lachenalia orchoides—Flowers greenish yellow, shading to mauve. Price 3s. 6d. per dozen.

Lachenalia tricolor—Flowers large, in green, yellow and red. Splendid species.

Lachenalia unifolia—Very pretty species. Flowers sky blue, shading to pink. Price 7s. 6d. per dozen.

BABIANA.

Babiana stricta—Crocus-like flowers of very deep blue. Excellent for borders or the rock garden. Prices 3s. 6d.; 25s. 0d. per 100.

(Variety) Pale blue, tall, early flowering.

Babiana plicata—Dwarf. Large lavender flowers marked with primrose and purple. Sweet scented. Price 5s. 0d. per dozen.]

Babiana villosa—Flowers from deep ruby red to pale lavender. Price 5s. 0d. per dozen.

Babiana stricta rubro-cyanea—Deep blue flowers with brilliant red centres. A treasure for the rock garden. Price 7s. 6d. per dozen.

Babiana white—An uncommon species with very large dead white flowers.

Synotia bicolor—Very attractive little plant resembles a small *Gladiolus*. Flowers yellow and violet.

Streptanthera cuprea—Very striking species, resembles *Sparaxis*. Flowers tangerine with petunia coloured centres surrounded by black ring. Prices 5s. 0d. per dozen; £1 17s. 6d. per 100.

SPARAXIS.

Sparaxis tricolor—

Brick red, with dark centres.

Deep orange, with brown centres.

Deep velvety brown, with yellow centres.

Old rose, with yellow centres, very tall.

Prices 3s. 6d. per dozen; 25s. 0d. per 100.

Sparaxis grandiflora—Cream—Tall, free-flowering variety. Prices 2s. 0d. per dozen; 15s. 0d. per 100.

Sparaxis grandiflora—Purple—The most beautiful *Sparaxis*. Flowers a deep velvety purple. Price 5s. 0d. per dozen.

TRITONIA.

Tritonia hyalina—Flowers deep salmon or orange on dark stems. Prices 3s. 6d. per dozen; 25s. 0d. per 100.

Tritonia crocata—Orange flowers with narrower segments. Price 3s. 6d. per dozen.

Tritonia deusta—Deep orange flowers with large brown spot on each of the 3 outer segments. Price 5s. 0d. per dozen.

Tritonia lineata—Taller than the others. Flowers cream with darker veins. Prices 2s. 6d. per dozen; 15s. 0d. per 100.

Tritonia scillaris—Very attractive, early flowering. 6 in. spikes of tiny deep pink flowers. Charming for the rock garden. Price 5s. 0d. per dozen.

IXIA.

Ixia maculata—Flowers cream, orange or yellow, with black centres. Prices 3s. 6d. per dozen; 25s. 0d. per 100.

Ixia maculata (variety)—Taller than the type, flowering later. Flowers deep orange with red on outside of outer segments. Excellent for cutting.

Ixia micrandra—Flowers deep old rose pink. Price 3s. 6d. per dozen.

Ixia polystachia—Flowers midsummer. Flowers pure white or pink with a blue eye. Excellent for cutting. Price 3s. 6d. per dozen.

Ixia scariosa—Very early flowering. Flowers pale blue on delicate stems. Price 3s. 6d. per dozen.

Ixia viridiflora—Flowering spikes 3-4 ft. Flowers duck's-egg green with black centres. Prices 10s. 0d. per dozen.

CYRTANTHUS.

Cyrtanthus Mackenii—White Ifafa Lily. Resembles a hyacinth, but flowers in an umbel. Sweet scented and blooms nearly whole year. Prices 3s. 6d. per dozen; 25s. 0d. per 100.

Cyrtanthus O'Brienii—Similar to *Cyrtanthus Mackenii*, but flowers are a bright clear red.

Cyrtanthus parviflorus—Taller than preceding species, with larger scarlet blooms. Splendid species, always in flower.

Dierama pendula—Long sprays of dainty pendulous pink flowers

Montbretia crocosmaeflora—Very fine flowering, 4 ft. sprays of large orange and red flowers.

Ornithogalum abyssinicum—Very large species. White globe shaped flowers with shining black centres. Price 7s. 6d. per dozen.

Ornithogalum thyrsoides—Somewhat smaller than former species. Centres to flowers brown. The Cape Chinkeringchee. Price 4s. 0d. per dozen.

Antholyza revoluta—One of the most beautiful of the Cape wild flowers. Resembles a scarlet *Gladiolus*. Flowers almost transparent. Price 10s. 0d. per dozen.

Antholyza paniculata—Flowers in 4 ft. spikes resembling a *Montbretia*. Leaves very decorative. Price 3s. 0d. per dozen.

Amaryllis Belladonna—Very fine Lily. Flowers white or pale pink. Does well in England. Price 2s. 6d. per dozen.

Vallota purpurea or George Lily—Known in England as Scarborough Lily. Large bright scarlet flowers. Price 6s. 0d. per dozen.

Agapanthus—The small deep blue mountain species. Price 5s. 0d. per dozen.

Hypoxis stellata—Golden star of early summer. 6 ins. high.

Morea villosa—A charming Iris. 9 ins. high, large blooms, lavender, bronze, cinnamon and salmon, all with peacock eye. Price 10s. 0d. per dozen.

Hesperantha Buhrii—New Species. Flowers open about 4 p.m. and are then dead white. Early in the day they appear deep pink from the colour of the outside of the perianth segments. Price 7s. 6d. per dozen.

Arum Lily Roots—Prices 10s. 0d. per 100 or £4 10s. 0d. per 1,000 f.o.r. Cape Town.

Dolichos gibbosus—Climbing leguminous plant, with crimson or purple flowers.